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Welcome back to what will be a short but very busy half term. There is lots planned over the next four and a half weeks.

Over the holiday we have had some new flooring installed which looks lovely and also two new bike/scooter shelters. Both playgrounds have their own shelter. We are hoping to encourage more children to either ride to school or ride some of the way to school. Some children who come in cars are hoping parents will be able to park a couple of streets away and scooter the last part into school. If you are leaving a bike or scooter in the shelter, please secure it with a lock as it will not be secure at the start and end of the school day when the gates are unlocked, and we are unable to take responsibility for any bikes or scooters left on the premises.

Please do park considerately both around the school and on the car park. First and foremost, safety for all of our children should be everyone's main concern and secondly, we need to have consideration for our neighbours and also keep highways clear in case an emergency vehicle needs to get through.

Some very good news to share is that we are finally in a position to have the carpark repaired! Due to the level of work that needs doing, it will have to be done over the Easter holiday when the carpark can be totally closed off for a few days. In the meantime, please drive and walk carefully in this area for these few remaining weeks.

With Ramadan due to begin on Sunday 10th March, please watch for our letter regarding fasting in school. We are keen to support children in Years 5 & 6 who wish to join their families in fasting during this holy month. We do need parental permission and some additional details beforehand to ensure we are able to support your child safely. Please return the permission slip and day plan to your child's class teacher.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

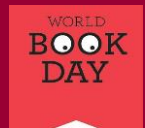
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.72%

This week's winning class: 1W 99.3% Amazing!



World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas for a donation to Manchester Children's Hospital, the school council's chosen local charity for this year. Children may bring slippers to wear inside but they must have shoes or trainers to wear outside. Children may bring their favourite bedtime story to share on the day. Children will bring home a voucher to purchase a special World Book Day book or use it for money off a full price book.



Marie Curie Daffodils

Throughout the month of March, the school council will be selling Marie Curie daffodils. If you would like your child to purchase one in aid of this worthwhile charity, please send a £1 donation in to school with them. At Whittaker Moss, we are proud to support many different charities and we thank parents for their continued generosity.

Science Week 2024

Please see below for information about Science Week.

Eco News

The school Eco Council has registered to take part in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt this year. Please send any used batteries into school over the next two weeks. The class who recycles the most batteries will receive a prize.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Austin	5W: Charlie
R1: Freddie	5M: Aisha
R2: Lilah	6W: Ayaan
1W: Umar	6M: Ayaan
1M: Louis	Mrs Cadogan: Inaaya
2W: Layla	
2M: Will	
3W: Idrees	
3M: Finley	
4W: Ukasha	
4M: Daniyal	

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Voucher winners will be chosen this week and will appear on next week's newsletter.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.



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School Council News

Councillors will meet this week to discuss Easter events they have planned and the Marie Curie daffodil campaign. On Monday they will meet with Harriet, senior mental health practitioner, to discuss mental health provision for children locally.

Temporary Traffic Lights

School has been advised that the temporary lights on Bury Road will remain in place for twelve weeks. Please allow extra journey time for dropping off and collecting children as there may be delays.



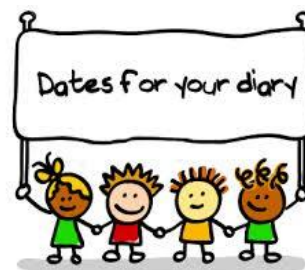
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Florence	4M: Lucas
R1: Hashim	5W: Ayyan
R2: Maya	5M: Zac
1W: Ava	6W: Eliza
1M: Ameliya	6M: Ayub
2W: Nomi	
2M: Liza	
3W: Alfie	
3M: Lucia	
4W: Poppy	

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2024

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Bedtime Story Theme. Dress in pyjamas for donation to Manchester Children's Hospital - School Council Local Charity for 2024
W/C 11 th March	Science Week In School
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 22 nd March	PTA School Discos 6pm - 7.30pm
Monday 25 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 26 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 27 th March 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Thursday 28 th March 1.45pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Close for Easter

Dear Parents/Carers,

British Science Week is here again!

We are going to be celebrating British Science Week in school from 8th to 17th March. Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths. This year marks the 30th anniversary of British Science Week and so the theme for this year is 'Time'. We aim to inspire our pupils to investigate and discover elements of time, in a variety of ways. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities based around the theme of 'time'. We will also be joined in school by Professor Dan Tastic, who will deliver 'Science Week Spectacular' workshops to all classes from nursery to Year 6.

We would like to invite pupils to get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme of 'Time'. Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution, and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

The poster must be on A3 or A4 paper. Children can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, and paper to create their posters. We will then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes.

Your poster must be submitted to your child's class teacher by Monday 18th March 2024.

Information from British Science Association...

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.

Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

What are the prizes?!

Prizes for the 2024 competition winners include:

- Cool Cat Chem Cards
- 15-minute STEM books
- Shape Aliens Game
- At the museum jigsaw
- A Day in the Life...books
- Shroot pouches
- Memberships for My Science Club
- MegaWatt Games
- A collection of Science Works books